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VIA FAX AND U.S. MAIL

RE:

Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site - South Plainfield, NJ

OU 3 RI/FS Progress Report No. 3

Dear Mr. Mannino:

On behalf of Dana Corporation and pursuant to Paragraph 41 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent ("Settlement Agreement"), enclosed please find Progress Report No. 3. This report covers the period from October 1, 2005 through October 31, 2005.

Very truly yours,

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CORNELL-DUBILIER ELECTRONICS SUPERFUND SITE OU 3 RI/FS PROGRESS REPORT NO. 3 October 1, 2005 through October 31, 2005

Description of the Actions Taken Toward Achieving Compliance with the Settlement Agreement Since the Previous Report:

- Presented the Site Conceptual Model to representatives of US EPA, TetraTech (EPA Contractor) and the Middlesex Water Company, at an October 18, 2005 meeting, in accordance with paragraph B.7 of the Statement of Work.
- Continued with efforts to complete the well inventory with emphasis on water supply wells operated now or formerly by the Middlesex Water Company. Middlesex Water Company has not assisted with the acquisition of data (e.g., flow records) and, therefore, efforts focused on identifying water allocation permits issued by the NJDEP and identifying available records under these permits. A visit to NJDEP was scheduled to review available records and collect data.
- Continued compiling data and locating wells on a site map from the well inventory received from the NJDEP.
- Requested an abandoned wells record search from the NJDEP.

Summary of all Results of Sampling, Tests or Other Data Received or Generated Since the Previous Report:

None.

Completed Deliverables Since the Previous Report:

None.

Actions Planned Prior to Submittal of Next Two Reports:

- Completion of well inventory.
- Upon receipt, respond to EPA comments on the Preliminary Conceptual Site Model and revise and resubmit the Conceptual Site Model, as applicable, per EPA comments.



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Obtain EPA approval to proceed and initiate RI/FS Work Plan.

Percentage Completion:

Not applicable.

Delays Encountered or Anticipated:

• The previous progress report presented concerns about possible delays in completion of the well inventory. EPA had taken steps to mitigate these delays by inviting Middlesex Water Company to the CSM meeting however, this did not prompt Middlesex Water to provide water supply well data. To properly understand groundwater flow and contaminant distribution in the Site area will require an understanding of current and historic pumping from Middlesex Water Company wells, particularly those in the Spring Lake system. This will involve researching records on both existing and previously abandoned wells, and doing so through NJDEP records because Middlesex Water indicated that it prefers the data be collected from available public records. Therefore, the well records inventory will not be completed on the originally planned schedule as a part of the preliminary CSM. The extent of delay in completing the well inventory is still unknown because it will depend on the completeness and quality of the NJDEP records and the responsiveness of the NJDEP in providing access to requested information.